


REMARKS

Claims 40-41, 43, 45, 47-50, and 53-61 were pending at the time of the Action with claims 53-56 being withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 40, 41, 43, 45, 47-50, and 58-61 are allowed. Claim 57 is rejected. Applicants have canceled claims 53-57. Accordingly, only those claims that have been allowed remain pending in this application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in one or more continuing applications.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and an early indication to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-5654 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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